

Woodstown Pilesgrove Sanitary Landfill

Robbins Road Pilesgrove Township Salem County

BLOCK: 89 LOT: 10

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SITE DESCRIPTION/RESOLUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS:

The Woodstown Pilesgrove Sanitary Landfill is a 44-acre inactive sanitary landfill that is jointly owned by Woodstown Borough and Pilesgrove Township. The site began landfilling operations in 1980, accepting municipal and vegetative wastes under a permit with NJDEP. NJDEP ordered the site closed in 1985 after the permit expired and Woodstown and Pilesgrove did not apply for an extension to continue landfilling activities. NJDEP directed Woodstown and Pilesgrove to submit a Closure and Post-Closure Care Plan for the landfill at the time operations ceased but one was not submitted. Although a post-closure plan has not been developed, Woodstown and Pilesgrove have been periodically sampling on-site ground water monitor wells under a NJPDES permit. NJDEP's Remedial Response Element is implementing closure actions at the landfill to prevent the release of methane, a greenhouse gas, from the waste fill and mitigate the impact of landfill leachate on the environment. NJDEP is currently reviewing the landfill's history and past sampling results to obtain preliminary information for the landfill closure project. NJDEP plans to conduct an Immediate Environmental Concern Assessment at the site in 2003 to identify conditions that could present immediate threats to human health or the environment.